

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gastric balloon comprising:
a shell;
a receiver having a recessed region in said shell;
a valve preventing the undesired addition or elimination of fluid from the gastric balloon;
and
a retractable tubing being movable between a stowed position in which said retractable tubing is housed in said recessed region of said receiver and an extended position in which said retractable tubing is configured to be withdrawn from said recessed region of said receiver[[,]]
and is being extendable from a stomach of a patient to a mouth of the patient, wherein said shell is inflated and deflated from outside a body of the patient via said retractable tubing.
2. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed in one or more spirals.
3. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed in a coil.
4. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is fluidly connected to the shell via an interface.
5. (Cancelled).

6. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said receiver is a molded valve patch.
7. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 6 wherein said molded valve patch is bonded to said shell.
- 8.-9. (Cancelled).
10. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed of a material having a memory to return said tubing to the proper shape for housing in said recessed region of said receiver.
11. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed of a soft material comprising a radial spring.
12. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing is formed of a semi-rigid material having a memory to return said tubing to the proper shape for housing in said recessed region of said receiver.
13. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said retractable tubing comprises a shape memory alloy to return said tubing to the proper shape for housing in said recessed region of said receiver.

14. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 further comprising a cap for sealing said receiver.

15.-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said valve is a slit valve.

20. (Original) The gastric balloon of claim 1 wherein said valve is a septum.

21.-34. (Cancelled).

35. (Currently Amended) A gastric balloon comprising:

a shell;

a valve preventing the undesired addition or elimination of fluid from the shell;

a receiver having a molded valve patch coupled to the shell; and

a retractable tubing being movable between a stowed position in which said retractable tubing is housed by said molded valve patch of said receiver and an extended position in which said retractable tubing is configured to be withdrawn from said molded valve patch of said receiver[[,]] and being is extendable from a stomach of a patient to a mouth of the patient, wherein said shell is inflated and deflated *in situ* from outside a body of the patient via said retractable tubing.

36. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 35 wherein the molded valve patch is bonded to said shell.

37. (Currently Amended) A gastric balloon comprising:

a shell;

a receiver having a torsionally loaded axle;

a valve preventing the undesired addition or elimination of fluid from the gastric balloon;

and

a retractable tubing being movable between a stowed position in which said retractable tubing is housed on said torsionally loaded axle of said receiver and ~~configured to be~~ an extended position in which said retractable tubing is withdrawn from said torsionally loaded axle[[,]] and ~~being~~ is extendable from a stomach of a patient to a mouth of the patient, wherein said shell is inflated and deflated from outside a body of the patient via said retractable tubing,

said torsionally loaded axle structured to retract said retractable tubing onto said torsionally loaded axle.

38. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 37 wherein the receiver has a longitudinal axis and said torsionally loaded axle is substantially aligned along said longitudinal axis of the receiver.

39. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 37 wherein the receiver has a longitudinal axis and said torsionally loaded axle is substantially perpendicular with said longitudinal axis of the receiver.

40. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 37 wherein said torsionally loaded axle includes a grooved surface for accommodating said retractable tubing.

41. (Currently Amended) A gastric balloon comprising:

a shell;

a receiver dividing said shell substantially into two hemispheres and forming a small diameter portion of said shell;

an interface on said small diameter portion of said shell to allow fluid to enter or exit said gastric balloon;

a valve preventing the undesired addition or elimination of fluid from the gastric balloon;

and

a retractable tubing being movable between a stowed position in which said retractable tubing is housed on said small diameter portion of said receiver and an extended position in which said retractable tubing is having one end coupled to said interface, said retractable tubing configured to be withdrawn from said small diameter portion of said receiver and being is extendable from a stomach of a patient to a mouth of the patient, said retractable tubing having one end coupled to said interface, and wherein said shell is inflated and deflated from outside a body of the patient via said retractable tubing.

42. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 35 wherein said molded valve patch includes an axle for receiving said retractable tubing.

43. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 35 further comprising a cap configured to reduce deposition of stomach contents inside of said molded valve patch.
44. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 35 wherein said retractable tubing is bonded to said molded valve patch.
45. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 37 wherein said torsionally loaded axle resists withdrawal of said retractable tubing from said torsionally loaded axle.
46. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 41 wherein said retractable tubing is housed on said small diameter portion of said receiver by being wrapped around said small diameter portion of said receiver.
47. (Previously Presented) The gastric balloon of claim 41 wherein said small diameter portion of said receiver is an indentation in said shell that extends entirely around said shell.